

MEETING MINUTES
MID CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD
April 20, 2016 – Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. - Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Bob Logan, George Kearns, Peter Gerhardt, and Ben Petrone

County: Dawn Harrison, Joanne Vernon, and Kelly Louttit

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 P.M. A roll call was taken that determined a quorum was present. Membership terms were reviewed.

Changes to the Agenda: Mr. Kearns motioned to add the Financial Plan and signage on the box culverts on Peachland; seconded by Mr. Petrone and the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes from the January 20, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Citizen Input on Agenda Item Only (3 Minute Limit)

- No citizen comment

Unfinished Business:

- Sunshine Lake Weir construction/ Sunshine Waterway: Ms. Vernon provided the Advisory Board a tentative Master plan worksheet, the canal maintenance program overview, volunteer water quality testing of the canals pricing, construction dates and pricing for structures and past and future cost breakdown. Ms. Vernon stated the construction of the weir is complete and the Chara has been removed. The consultant has indicated the Chara will need an additional removal cycle and a Chara removal grant has been submitted. Ms. Vernon said the aerators will be installed by the end of May and monitoring of Sunshine Lake will continue for a couple of years. The structures will be complete in 2019 and a canal maintenance plan will need to be implemented. Voluntary water quality program costs and locations were discussed. Mr. Logan questioned what elements of the water would be tested. Ms. Vernon stated she could provide the Advisory Board a list of what will be tested. Discussion continued regarding water quality testing in other areas and the effectiveness of the results. Ms. Vernon will add the water quality testing to the budget next year. Mr. Gerhardt is in favor of the water quality testing in the canals. Ms. Vernon suggested the water quality testing results be presented on a yearly basis.
- Peachland Bridge starting dates: Ms. Vernon will forward the start date information to the Advisory Board. Mr. Gerhardt stated the County did an exceptional job on the construction.
- El Jobean Study: Ms. Harrison stated Maintenance and Operations are reviewing the MSBU area for pipe replacements and line and grade. Discussion continued regarding costs and funding responsibility.
- Signage on Box culverts on Peachland: Mr. Logan provided photos for Advisory Board review. Ms. Vernon stated the signage was omitted on the bridge and will review the areas for correction.
- Election of Chairman & Vice: Mr. Petrone nominated Mr. Logan for Chair; seconded by Mr. Kearns and Mr. Logan accepted the position. Mr. Petrone nominated Mr. Kearns for Vice Chair; seconded by Mr. Logan and Mr. Kearns accepted the position.

New Business:

- Financial Reports – Ms. Harrison provided the three month actual reports for Advisory Board review and discussion. Mr. Kearns questioned the Desoto Ditch charges.

Citizen Input on MSBU Related Items (3 Minute Limit)

- No citizen comment

Open discussion for Committee members:

- Mr. Kearns discussed a newspaper article discussing funding for Sunshine Lake and asked if the Governor signed the funding into law. Mr. Kearns asked about the Charter Review Committee and their focus to eliminate MSBUs.
- Mr. Gerhardt said he has attended the Charter Review Committee meetings and advised discussion to eliminate the MSBU's has occurred. Mr. Gerhardt thanked County staff and the Advisory Board for their efforts.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, 2016 2pm in the Public Works Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 pm.

Submitted by:

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